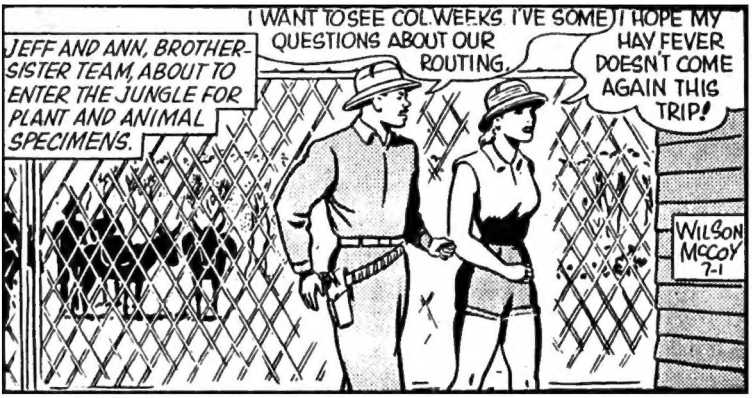
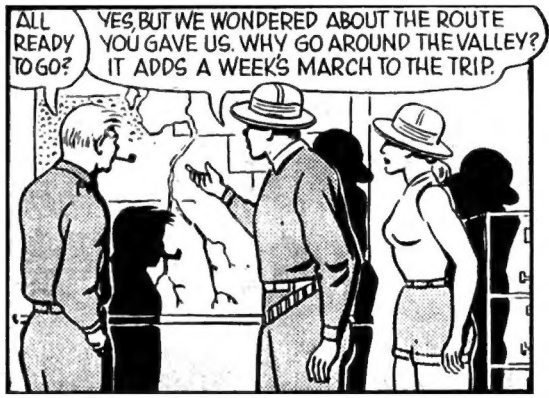
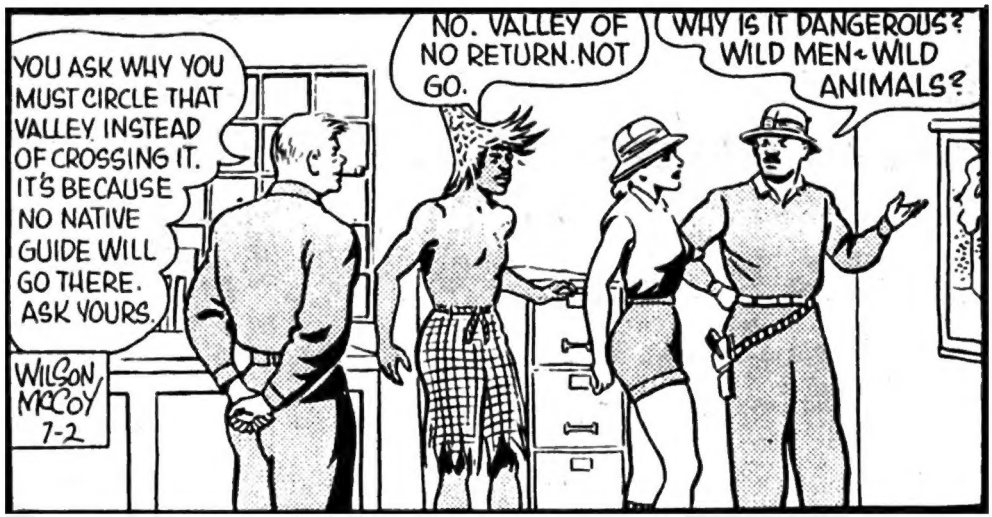

JEFF AND ANN, BROTHER-SISTER TEAM, ABOUT TO ENTER THE JUNGLE FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIMENS.
I WANT TO SEE COL. WEEKS. I'VE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR ROUTING.
I HOPE MY HAY FEVER DOESN'T COME AGAIN THIS TRIP!
WILSON McCOY 7-1


ALL READY TO GO?
YES, BUT WE WONDERED ABOUT THE ROUTE YOU GAVE US. WHY GO AROUND THE VALLEY? IT ADDS A WEEK'S MARCH TO THE TRIP.

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D ASK THAT. I'M AFRAID I CAN'T ANSWER.


YOU ASK WHY YOU MUST CIRCLE THAT VALLEY INSTEAD OF CROSSING IT. IT'S BECAUSE NO NATIVE GUIDE WILL GO THERE. ASK YOURS.
NO. VALLEY OF NO RETURN. NOT GO.
WHY IS IT DANGEROUS? WILD MEN & WILD ANIMALS?
WILSON McCOY 7-2

NO ONE EVER RETURNED TO TELL!

I'M AFRAID THE PATROL CAN'T HELP YOU, JEFF. THAT VALLEY'S FAR BEYOND OUR AUTHORITY. NOW YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN?
HARDLY. I WANT TO SEE THAT VALLEY!

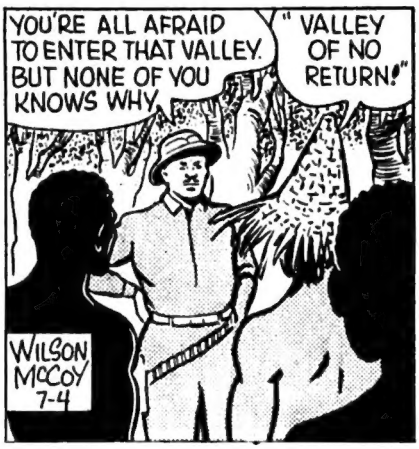
JEFF AND ANN'S SAFARI ENTERS THE JUNGLE--
LET'S STOP HERE FOR SPECIMENS.

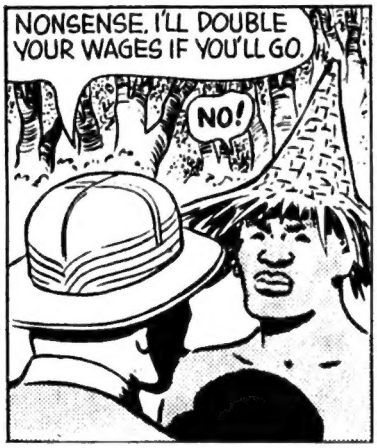
A FIELD MOUSE WITH GRAY EYES! HOW'D YOU DO?
SOME INTERESTING PLANTS. NO RAGWEED, THANK GOODNESS - NO HAY FEVER YET!

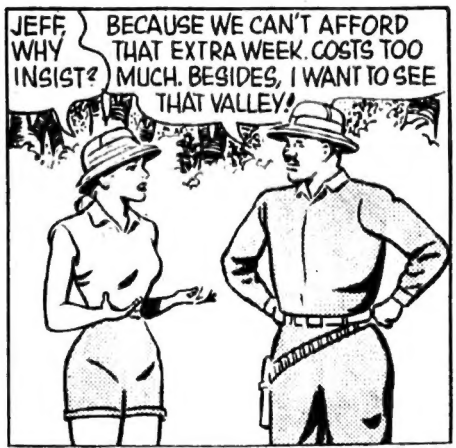
NO! TAKE OTHER ROAD! THIS LEADS TO VALLEY OF NO RETURN!
LET'S JUST HAVE A PEEK AT IT.
WILSON McCOY 7-3

SO THAT'S IT. LOOKS PEACEFUL ENOUGH. GAME TO GO DOWN THERE?
WHY ASK FOR TROUBLE? THE MEN DON'T WANT TO.

I'M DARNED IF WE'LL GO AROUND THAT VALLEY. IT MEANS AN EXTRA WEEK'S MARCH. I'LL TALK TO THE MEN.


YOU'RE ALL AFRAID TO ENTER THAT VALLEY. BUT NONE OF YOU KNOWS WHY.
"VALLEY OF NO RETURN!"
WILSON McCOY 7-4


NONSENSE. I'LL DOUBLE YOUR WAGES IF YOU'LL GO.
NO!


JEFF, WHY INSIST?
BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD THAT EXTRA WEEK. COSTS TOO MUCH. BESIDES, I WANT TO SEE THAT VALLEY!

ANN, ARE YOU AFRAID TO ENTER THAT VALLEY?
NO, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP THE MEN REFUSED DOUBLE-WAGES TO GO.
WILSON McCOY 7-5

MY SISTER IS NOT AFRAID TO ENTER THE VALLEY OF NO RETURN. ARE YOU?
OH, JEFF

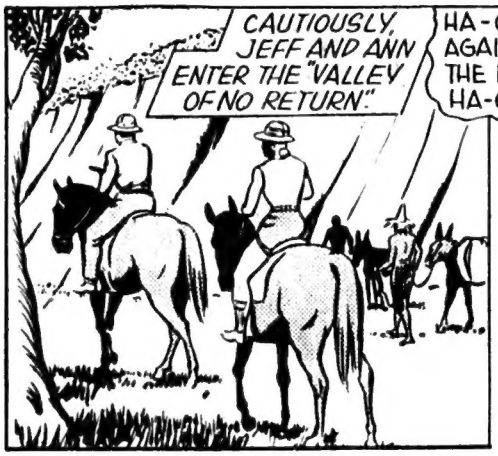
WE ARE WARRIORS. IF A WOMAN IS NOT AFRAID--
WE CANNOT BE SHAMED BY A WOMAN-

WE WILL GO.
GOOD!
IS IT?

HERE WE GO-- INTO THE "VALLEY OF NO RETURN." KEEP YOUR GUNS READY. WE'LL END THIS TABOO.
WILSON, McCOY 7-6

MISS ANN, IF THERE IS TROUBLE, CALL PHANTOM.
PHANTOM? WHO IS THAT? WHERE IS HE?

HE IS EVERYWHERE. CALL-HE WILL HEAR.


CAUTIOUSLY, JEFF AND ANN ENTER THE "VALLEY OF NO RETURN."

HA-CHOO- OH-MY HAY FEVER AGAIN! RAGWEED ALL OVER THE PLACE-BLAST IT-- HA-CHOO--
WILSON, McCOY 7-8

-A FINE EXPLORER I AM-WEARING A MEDICATED MASK.
YOU MUST WEAR IT, ANN! YOU CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH HAY FEVER NOW!

WHERE'S THE DANGER? THIS VALLEY LOOKS PEACEFUL.
IT'S PROBABLY THE RAGWEED THEY'RE AFRAID OF!

JEFF WE HAVEN'T SEEN ONE BIRD SINCE WE ENTERED THIS VALLEY.
MEANS NOTHING. MANY AREAS HAVE NO BIRDS.

PLENTY OF BIRD SKELETONS! THERE WERE BIRDS HERE FROM TIME TO TIME.
BIRDS DIE, YOU KNOW-

MORE SKELETONS-A LARGE CAT. PROBABLY A LEOPARD-AND SOMETHING ELSE-MUST HAVE BEEN A DEER.
WILSON McCOY 7-9

JEFF, WE'VE SEEN NOTHING ALIVE SINCE WE ENTERED THIS VALLEY! IT'S A PLACE OF DEATH!

WE'VE SEEN NOTHING ALIVE IN THIS VALLEY OF DEATH!
ANN, WE'VE ONLY COME IN A FEW YARDS. WE'LL SEE PLENTY OF ANIMALS LOOK!

WILSON McCOY 7-10
A RHINO! IS IT DEAD?
NO-UNCONSCIOUS.

IT'S SORT OF EERIE-THIS RHINO-JUST LYING THERE UNCONSCIOUS!
EERIE? IT'S--JEFF!

WILSON McCOY 7-11

SOMETHING ALIVE, ANYHOW-
WAIT! DON'T SHOOT.

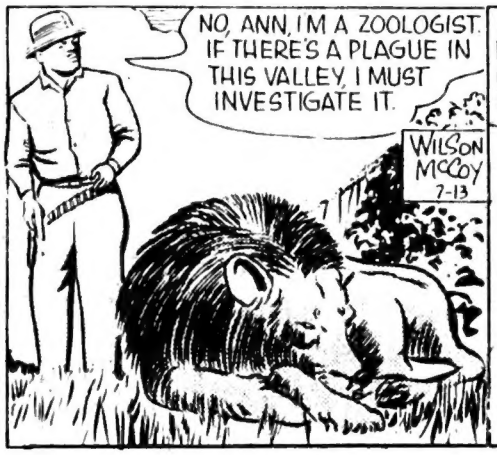
THE CHARGING LION SUDDENLY COLLAPSES.

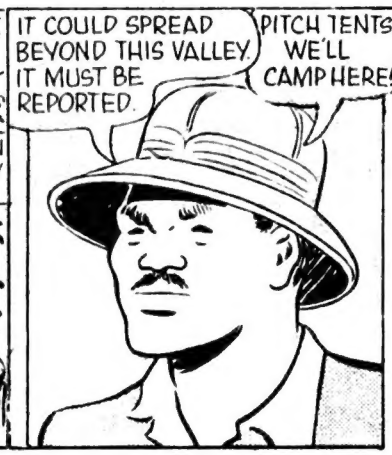
HE'S TRYING TO GET UP-
BUT HE CAN'T--

WILSON McCOY 7-12

NOT DEAD.
LIKE THE RHINO, IT'S-UNCONSCIOUS!
NOTHING CAN STAY ALIVE-IN THIS PLACE!
VALLEY--OF NO RETURN~

JEFF, LET'S GET OUT OF THIS TERRIBLE VALLEY!


NO, ANN, I'M A ZOOLOGIST. IF THERE'S A PLAGUE IN THIS VALLEY, I MUST INVESTIGATE IT.
WILSON McCOY 7-13

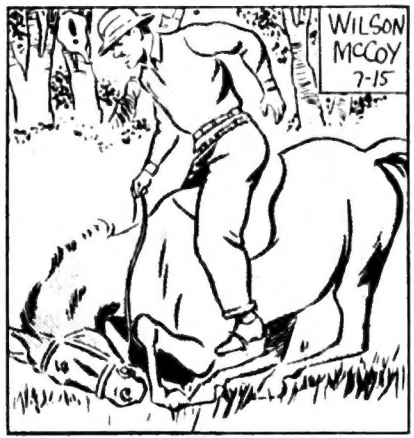

IT COULD SPREAD BEYOND THIS VALLEY. IT MUST BE REPORTED.
PITCH TENTS. WE'LL CAMP HERE!

JEFF, THE MEN ARE AFRAID-SO AM I!
SO AM I - BUT WE'VE A JOB TO DO HERE~

THAT MEDICATED MASK STOPPED YOUR HAY FEVER.
I'D FORGOTTEN THAT! JEFF-- THIS TERRIBLE 'VALLEY OF NO RETURN'...

WHAT KIND OF PLAGUE COULD MAKE ANIMALS AND BIRDS UNCONSCIOUS?
I DON'T KNOW, ANN.

I'LL EXPLORE, AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND.


WILSON McCOY 7-15

THE DARN PLAGUE HIT OUR HORSES TOO!
WILSON McCOY 7-16

AND OUR DONKEYS!
IS IT PLAGUE?

VALLEY OF DEATH!
WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE!

STOP! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING US NOW!
OUT OF OUR WAY - I WARN YOU!

ALL RIGHT-
IT'S TOO DARK TO TRAVEL NOW. I PROMISE WE'LL LEAVE THIS VALLEY AT DAWN.

DAWN IS A LONG TIME AWAY -
YES.

HOW CAN WE TRAVEL WITHOUT HORSES OR DONKEYS?
I'LL TRY TO HOLD THE MEN HERE TOMORROW. I WANT TO RUN SOME TESTS -

WILSON McCOY 7-17
BUT YOU PROMISED TO LEAVE.
I KNOW - I KNOW -

JEFF, I CAN'T BELIEVE ANY KIND OF PLAGUE COULD AFFECT ANIMALS, BIRDS, BUGS - EVERYTHING! CAN YOU?

JEFF!
WILSON McCOY 7-18

HE DOESN'T SEEM ILL -- JUST - ASLEEP!

IT HAS GOTTEN THEM ALL! EVERYTHING - INCLUDING MEN!
BUT WHY NOT ME? WHAT'LL I DO?

THEY'RE ALL JUST ASLEEP! WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

ALL THE ANIMALS - NOT UNCONSCIOUS - - BUT ASLEEP -
WHY AM I AWAKE?

EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING IN THIS VALLEY IS ASLEEP! I CAN'T WAKE THEM UP - JEFF - JEFF - -
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE AWAKE - ?

WILSON McCOY 7-19

STOP!
WILSON, McCOY 7-20

IN THE VALLEY OF NO RETREAT.
GO AWAY - PUT DOWN THAT SPEAR!

WILSON, McCOY 7-22

EVERYONE - ASLEEP - CAN'T WAKE THEM UP - ! NOW WHAT?

ALL MY MEN ASLEEP - UNABLE TO WAKE UP - THOSE HOODED NATIVES IN THE BUSHES - WHAT CAN I DO?

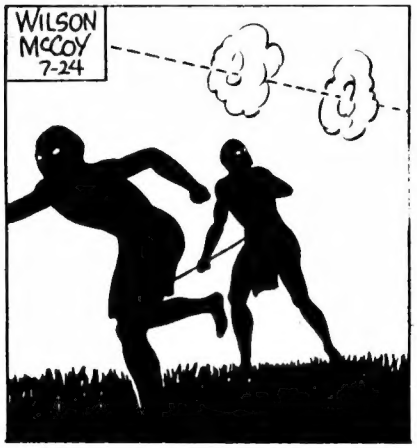
THEN SHE RECALLS THE GUIDE'S ADVICE -
MISS ANN, IF THERE IS TROUBLE, CALL PHANTOM.
WHO IS THAT? WHERE IS HE?

HE IS EVERYWHERE. CALL. HE WILL HEAR.
WILSON McCOY 7-23

HOW CAN I LEAVE TO FIND THE PHANTOM - WITH THEM WAITING AND WATCHING?

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING WITH THOSE HOODED NATIVES WATCHING IN THE BUSHES - THERE'S NO MOON TONIGHT -

NOW IT'S BLACK! I'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY MOVE.


WILSON McCOY 7-24

THAT DID IT - THEY CAN'T SEE ME EITHER. THEY WON'T KNOW IF I'M HERE OR NOT UNTIL DAWN.

I'LL FIRE ONE MORE SHOT - SO THEY KNOW I'M HERE
WILSON McCOY 7-25

NOW TO GET OUT OF THIS AWFUL VALLEY - -

- AND FIND THE PHANTOM - WHEREVER HE IS, WHOEVER HE IS.

IF HE EXISTS, HOW DO I FIND HIM? "JUST CALL PHANTOM."

THE GUIDE SAID "THE PHANTOM IS EVERYWHERE - CALL - HE WILL HEAR YOU." SOUNDS SILLY - BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

PHANTOM - PHANTOM - PHANTOM!

PHANTOM~
PHANTOM~
WILSON McCOY 7-26

BUT THE JUNGLE NIGHT HAS A MILLION EYES AND EARS~~
STUPID~ CALLING A NAME IN THE JUNGLE NIGHT! WHO'D HEAR?

WILSON McCOY 7-27
I'LL TRY ONCE MORE~~
PHANTOM! PHANTOM!

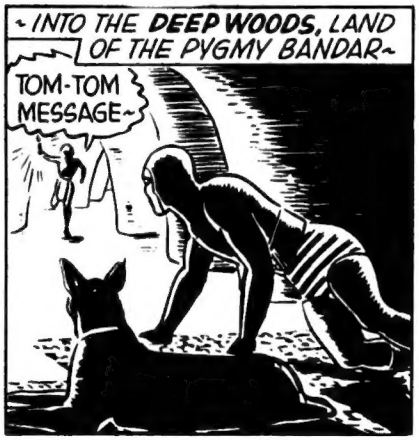
THEN~IN THE SILENT NIGHT~ A TOM-TOM~!

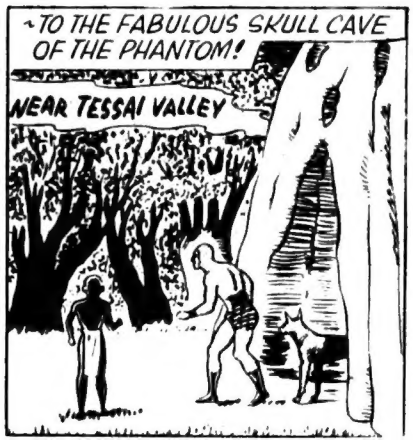
WHAT'S THAT DRUMMING?

THE TOM-TOM BEAT THROBS THRU THE JUNGLE~~
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
NEAR TESSAI VALLEY

I CALLED 'PHANTOM'~ AND TOM-TOMS STARTED BEATING ALL OVER THE JUNGLE! WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN INTO NOW?
WILSON McCOY 7-29

THE MESSAGE GOES DEEP INTO THE JUNGLE~~
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
NEAR TESSAI VALLEY


~INTO THE DEEP WOODS, LAND OF THE PYGMY BANDAR~
TOM-TOM MESSAGE~


~TO THE FABULOUS SKULL CAVE OF THE PHANTOM!
NEAR TESSAI VALLEY

PHANTOM! PHANTOM!

OH~THIS IS SILLY~ CALLING FOR A PHANTOM WHO DOESN'T EXIST~~ HOW COULD I HAVE BELIEVED SUCH A TALE?

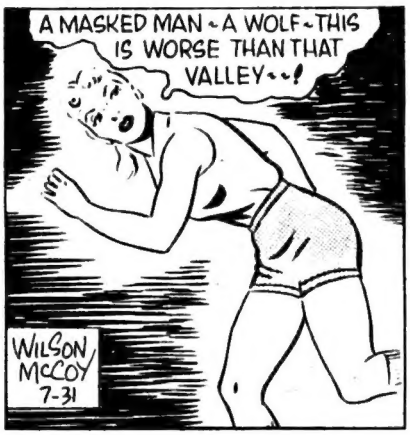
WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN DAWN COMES AND THOSE NATIVES SEE I'M NOT THERE~AND JEFF AND THE OTHERS ASLEEP?

WILSON McCOY 7-30

YOU CALLED ME?
YOU ARE~~ THE (GULP) PHANTOM?

THAT'S A WOLF! GO AWAY~OR~~

SORRY, MISS~YOU'D BETTER PUT THAT RIFLE DOWN.


A MASKED MAN~A WOLF~THIS IS WORSE THAN THAT VALLEY~~!
WILSON McCOY 7-31

THEY'RE CHASING ME!

A MASKED BANDIT. I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THOSE HOODED NATIVES~

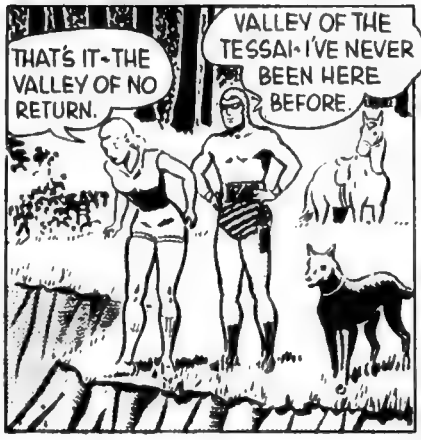
MISS, YOU DID WAKE ME UP OUT OF A SOUND SLEEP! WHY DID YOU CALL ME?
GO AWAY!

WILSON McCOY 8-1

DON'T BE AFRAID OF DEVIL OR OF ME. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHY DID YOU CALL ME?
HIS VOICE IS KIND.
MY BROTHER JEFF AND I~~AND OUR PARTY~WENT TO THE VALLEY OF NO RETURN.
WILSON McCOY 8-2

WE THOUGHT THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS WERE UNCONSCIOUS - BUT THEY'RE JUST ASLEEP! JEFF AND OUR BOYS FELL ASLEEP - TOO!

THOSE HOODED NATIVES CAME - I FIRED A SHOT - I RAN - WE HAVE UNTIL DAWN - -
WHOA! LET'S HAVE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING!


THAT'S IT - THE VALLEY OF NO RETURN.
VALLEY OF THE TESSAI - I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE.

"NOTHING MOVES THERE - EXCEPT THOSE HOODED WARRIORS - - HOODED."
WILSON McCOY 8-3

YOU SAY EVERYTHING FALLS ASLEEP IN THAT VALLEY? WHY DIDN'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW.

OH! I MUST PUT ON MY MEDICATED MASK - FOR MY HAY FEVER - !
?

THE WHOLE TIME IN THE VALLEY I WORE THIS MEDICATED MASK FOR MY HAY FEVER.
AND THE WARRIORS WHO ATTACKED WORE HOODS.
OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING IN THE AIR PUTS EVERYTHING TO SLEEP. THE MASK PROTECTED YOU!
WILSON McCOY 8-5

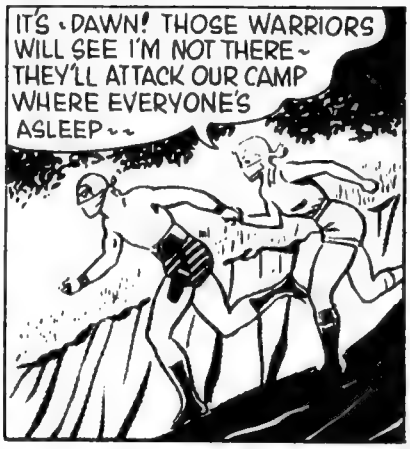
"OUR WHOLE CAMP'S ASLEEP - - THOSE WARRIORS ARE WATCHING IN THE DARK."

THEY THINK I'M ON GUARD. WHEN DAWN COMES, THEY'LL SEE I'M NOT THERE! THEY'LL ATTACK!
IT'S ALMOST DAWN! COME ON!

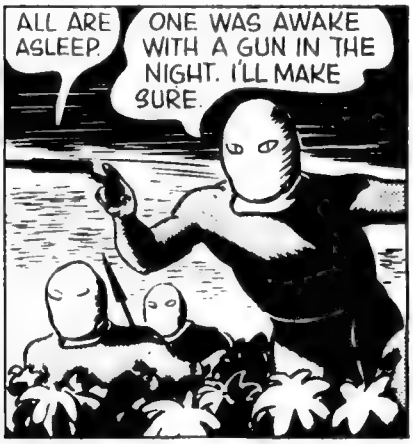
WHOA! WE CAN'T JUST CHARGE DOWN INTO THAT VALLEY - I ALMOST FORGOT!
WILSON McCOY 8-6

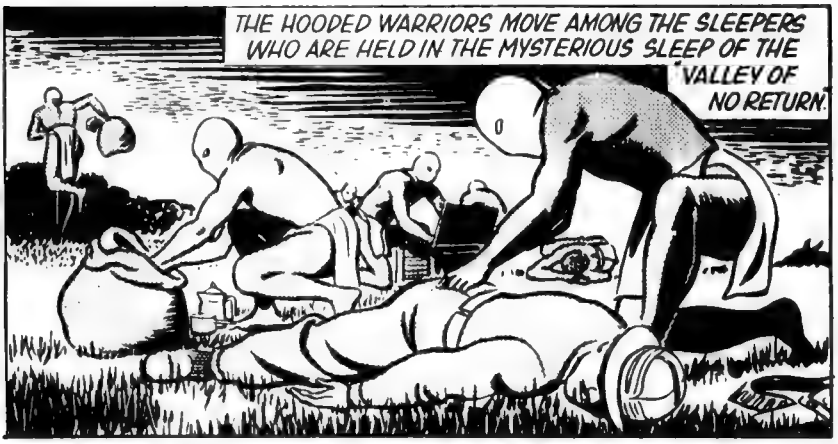
I'LL WET THIS HANDKERCHIEF FOR A MASK - - PUT ON YOURS.

YOU FELLOWS STAY UP HERE. I CAN'T HAVE YOU FALLING ASLEEP DOWN THERE, TOO!


IT'S DAWN! THOSE WARRIORS WILL SEE I'M NOT THERE~ THEY'LL ATTACK OUR CAMP WHERE EVERYONE'S ASLEEP~~

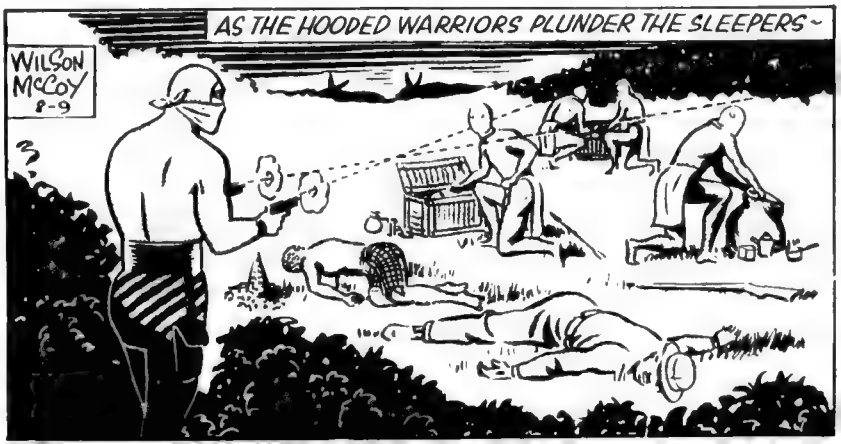
WILSON McCOY 8-7
DAWN~IN THE 'VALLEY OF NO RETURN'~~


ALL ARE ASLEEP.
ONE WAS AWAKE WITH A GUN IN THE NIGHT. I'LL MAKE SURE.


THE HOODED WARRIORS MOVE AMONG THE SLEEPERS WHO ARE HELD IN THE MYSTERIOUS SLEEP OF THE "VALLEY OF NO RETURN."

THERE THEY ARE! THAT ONE IS ROBBING MY BROTHER!
WILSON McCOY 8-8

WAIT HERE, ANN.


AS THE HOODED WARRIORS PLUNDER THE SLEEPERS~
WILSON McCOY 8-9

PHANTOM!
GHOST WHO WALKS!

WILSON McCOY 8-10
THE PHANTOM'S BLAZING GUNS ROUT THE HOODED WARRIORS~

SOME SHOT! YOU FIRED A DOZEN TIMES~ AND DIDN'T EVEN HIT ONE OF THEM! MAYBE YOU NEED GLASSES!
HMM

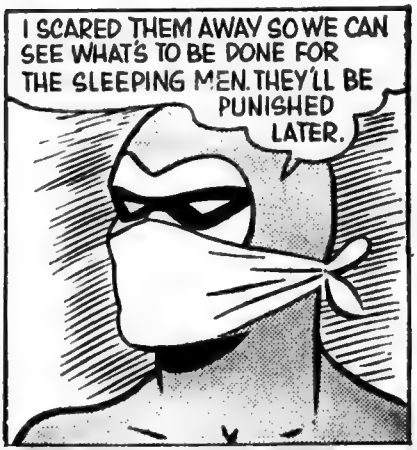
OH~THAT ONE HAS MY HANDBAG WITH ALL OUR MONEY AND PASSPORTS AND PAPERS~

?
WAIT~ DON'T SHOOT!

BUT HE'S STEALING MY HANDBAG~WITH ALL OUR MONEY AND PAPERS~~
DON'T SHOOT! LET ME~

!
WILSON McCOY 8-12

GOLLY! ~YOU SHOT THE STRAP IN HALF! AND I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T SHOOT!
IT IS NOT MY POLICY TO HURT OR KILL~


I SCARED THEM AWAY SO WE CAN SEE WHAT'S TO BE DONE FOR THE SLEEPING MEN. THEY'LL BE PUNISHED LATER.

THAT'S MY BROTHER JEFF. DID THEY HURT HIM?
NO, BUT I CAN'T WAKE HIM UP.

ALL ASLEEP. SOMETHING IN THIS VALLEY'S DOING IT. CAN'T WAKE THEM HERE. HAVE TO GET THEM OUT.
HOW?

I'LL HAVE TO CARRY THEM OUT.
WAIT HERE WITH YOUR RIFLE AND GUARD THE OTHERS IN CASE THE TESSAI RETURN THO I DOUBT THAT THEY WILL.
WILSON McCOY 8-13

WILSON McCOY 8-14
YES, SIR.

HOW STRONG HE IS! CARRIES THEM~ AS IF THEY WERE FEATHERS. RIGHT UP THAT STEEP HILL!

WILSON McCOY 8-15
GUARD THEM, FELLOWS, UNTIL THEY WAKE UP. THEN DON'T LET THEM LEAVE. KEEP THEM.

I HOPE THE PURE AIR UP THERE WILL WAKE THEM UP.

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW YET, ANN. I'LL TAKE TWO MORE UP.

LET'S HOPE WHATEVER PUT THEM TO SLEEP~ ISN'T PERMANENT!

WILSON McCOY 8-16
UHH~ FELL AGLEEP~~ GROGGY~
ME TOO~~

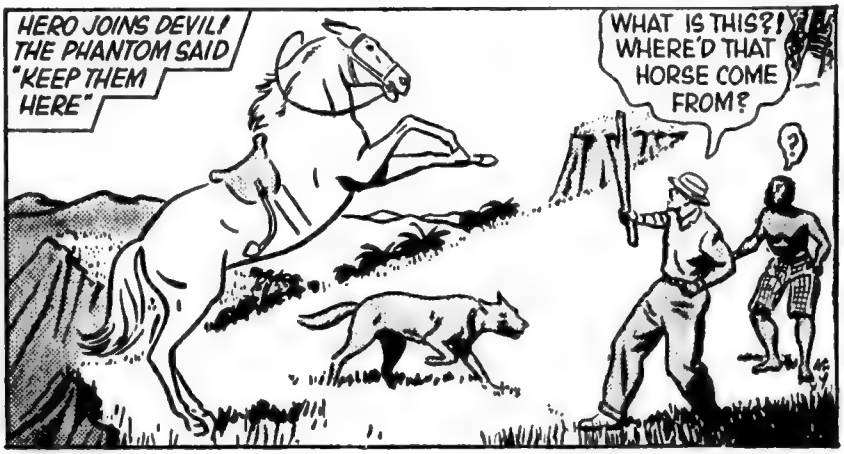
WHY~ WE'RE OUT OF THE VALLEY~ ON THE CLIFF! HOW DID WE GET UP HERE?
DON'T KNOW. FELL ASLEEP DOWN THERE.

STRANGE. WHERE'S ANN? SHE MUST STILL BE DOWN THERE. I'LL GO BACK DOWN.

A WOLF!
THE PHANTOM SAID "KEEP THEM HERE"

HE HASN'T ATTACKED ME~ BUT HE WON'T LET ME PASS~

I'LL GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY!
WILSON McCOY 8-17


HERO JOINS DEVIL! THE PHANTOM SAID "KEEP THEM HERE"
WHAT IS THIS?! WHERE'D THAT HORSE COME FROM?
?

WILSON McCOY 8-19
A WOLF~A HORSE~OUT OF NOWHERE. WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO DO? ARE THEY MAD?
THAT HORSE IS HERO! HE IS GREAT HORSE OF~~

?

~GHOST WHO WALKS!
?

WILSON McCOY 8-20
WHO IS THAT MAN? WHY~HE'S GOT TWO OF OUR BEARERS! I'LL~
NO~NO~ PHANTOM!

BACK, DEVIL.
YOU'RE JEFF? HOW DO YOU DO? I'M A FRIEND OF YOUR SISTER ANN
?

GOOD WORK, FELLAS.
I ORDERED THEM TO KEEP YOU HERE. I DIDNT WANT YOU GOING TO SLEEP IN THE VALLEY AGAIN.

I'D ONLY HAVE TO CARRY YOU UP AGAIN.
WILSON McCOY 8-21

DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BEARERS. AN HOUR'S FRESH AIR UP HERE WILL REVIVE THEM AS IT DID YOU.
YOU CARRIED ME UP HERE? YOU'RE A FRIEND OF MY SISTER? MIND TELLING ME WHO YOU ARE -- WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

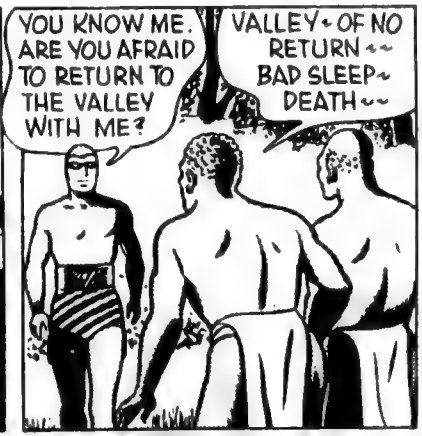
YOUR SISTER CALLED ME IN THE WOODS. I CAME TO HER.
SHE REMEMBERED! "CALL -- THE PHANTOM WILL HEAR!"
?

"SOMETHING IN THE VALLEY PUT ALL OF YOU TO SLEEP EXCEPT ANN~"

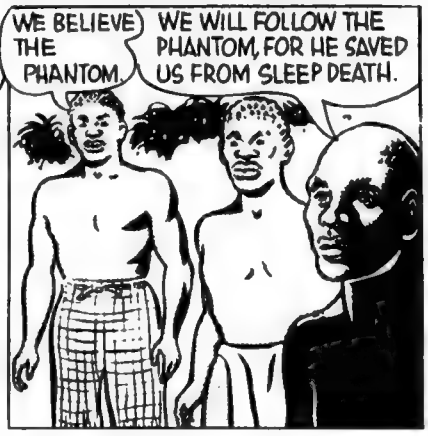
"THE TESSAI WERE PLUNDERING YOU WHEN WE RETURNED -- WE CHASED THEM~"
WILSON McCOY 8-22

~AND CARRIED US UP HERE? WHO ARE THE TESSAI?
THE TRIBE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MYSTERIOUS SLEEPING DEATH.

YOU SEE ~ YOUR BEARERS ARE AWAKE
PHANTOM -- GHOST WHO WALKS - SAVED US!


YOU KNOW ME. ARE YOU AFRAID TO RETURN TO THE VALLEY WITH ME?
VALLEY - OF NO RETURN -- BAD SLEEP ~ DEATH --

SOMETHING IN THE VALLEY PUTS ALL MEN AND BEASTS TO SLEEP~
~A MASK LIKE THIS PROTECTS~ NOTHING ELSE TO FEAR.
WILSON McCOY 8-23


WE BELIEVE THE PHANTOM.
WE WILL FOLLOW THE PHANTOM, FOR HE SAVED US FROM SLEEP DEATH.

WILSON McCOY 8-24
NOW YOU ALL HAVE CLOTH MASKS. DIP THEM IN WATER TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFECTIVE.

TIE IT ON AS I DO. THIS WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE "SLEEP DEATH" IN THE VALLEY.

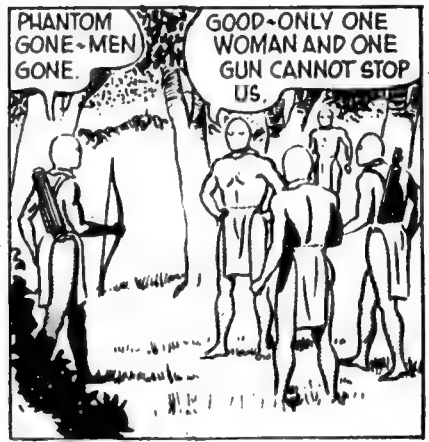
HMM, WE'LL NEED YOU DOWN THERE, HERO, HAVE TO FIGURE OUT PROTECTION FOR YOU TOO.

MEANWHILE, IN THE VALLEY~~
ONLY ONE WOMAN~~ ONE RIFLE~

IN THE VALLEY OF NO RETURN
WHAT'S KEEPING HIM SO LONG? WONDER IF JEFF WOKE UP~OR IF THE SLEEP IS~PERMANENT!
WILSON McCOY 8-26

WE LOST GOOD LOOT, RICH LOOT.
ONLY ONE WOMAN WITH ONE GUN REMAINS~ MEN ARE GONE.

SPREAD WIDE~SEE IF THE PHANTOM IS STILL IN THE VALLEY.


PHANTOM GONE~MEN GONE.
GOOD~ONLY ONE WOMAN AND ONE GUN CANNOT STOP US.

THINK ANN'S ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE?
SHE'LL LET US KNOW IF SHE ISN'T. I HAVEN'T BEEN GONE LONG.

YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHO YOU ARE.
HAVEN'T I?

MAKES BREATHING HARD, HERO, BUT HELPS KEEP YOU AWAKE DOWN THERE.
HE STILL HASN'T

DON'T MISS. SHE HAS A GUN.
DO I EVER MISS? SHH--
WILSON McCOY 8-27

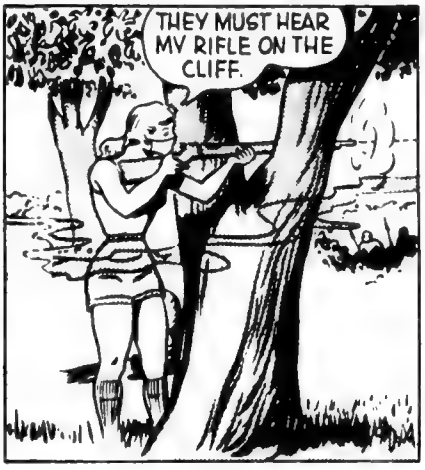
YOU'RE AIMING TOO HIGH -- YOU ALWAYS DO.
I DO NOT-- BE QUIET--

WILSON McCOY 8-28

SHE HEARD US-- SHE SEES -- QUICK--SHOOT
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP QUIET!

A SHOT!
ANN! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!

ANOTHER SHOT! ANN IS IN TROUBLE!
PUT ON YOUR MASK FIRST! I'LL GO AHEAD, JEFF.


THEY MUST HEAR MY RIFLE ON THE CLIFF.

YOU GO AROUND BEHIND HER.

WILSON McCOY 8-29

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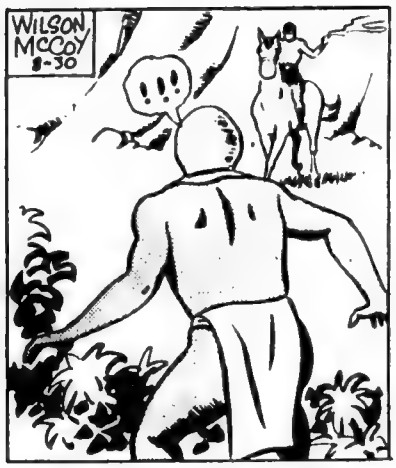
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PHANTOM!
RUN!
NO - STAY AND FIGHT!

STAY AND FIGHT PHANTOM?
YES - HE IS ONE - WE ARE MANY!

WILSON McCOY 8-31
STAY THERE.
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WILSON McCOY 9-2
HERO LEAPS AT THE HOODED WARRIORS -

WHO CAN STAY TO FIGHT THAT?
NOT - ME!

ANN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES, THANKS TO HIM.
YOU WERE WONDERFUL NOW WE CAN LEAVE THIS AWFUL VALLEY!

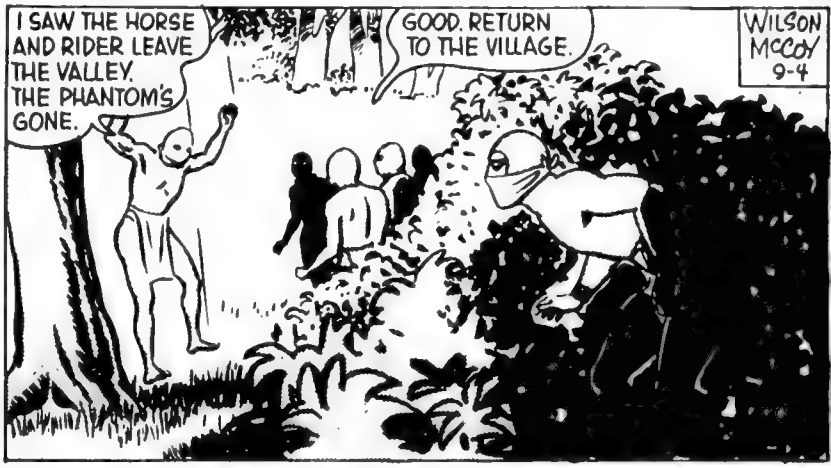
YOU AND YOUR BROTHER MUST LEAVE. I WILL STAY TO SOLVE THIS SLEEPING MYSTERY!

YOU CAN'T STAY IN THIS AWFUL PLACE ALONE. LET US STAY WITH YOU
NO, I CAN WORK FASTER ALONE. TAKE HERO WITH YOU. WAIT ON THE CLIFF FOR ME.

ONE MAN AGAINST THAT WHOLE TRIBE OF KILLERS~WHAT CAN YOU DO?
PLEASE DON'T WORRY~I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF

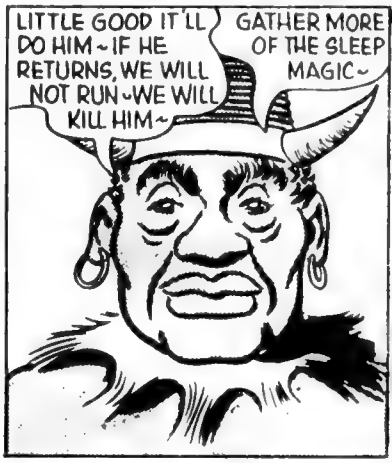
I THINK HE CAN~! JEFF, HE'S WONDERFUL!
HE SAVED OUR LIVES. I'D STILL LIKE TO KNOW WHO HE IS!
WILSON McCOY 9-3

HE ASKED US TO WAIT HERE FOR HIM. HOW LONG SHALL WE WAIT, ANN?
UNTIL HE COMES!


I SAW THE HORSE AND RIDER LEAVE THE VALLEY. THE PHANTOM'S GONE.
GOOD. RETURN TO THE VILLAGE.
WILSON McCOY 9-4

THE CHIEF AWAITS US.
WILSON McCOY 9-5

WHY DID THE PHANTOM AND HIS HORSE NOT FALL ASLEEP?
BOTH WERE MASKED. HE KNOWS OUR SECRET~~


LITTLE GOOD IT'LL DO HIM~IF HE RETURNS, WE WILL NOT RUN~WE WILL KILL HIM~
GATHER MORE OF THE SLEEP MAGIC~

IF I ONLY DID KNOW THEIR SECRET ~
"SLEEP MAGIC"? MAYBE I'LL LEARN THE SECRET NOW!

THE CHIEF SAYS WE MUST GATHER MORE SLEEP MAGIC. YOU TWO COME WITH ME.

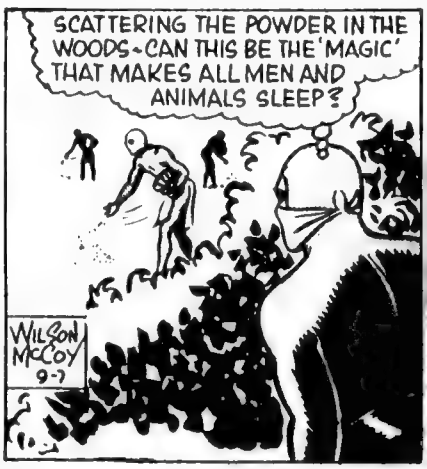
WILSON McCOY 9-6

THEY'RE GATHERING SOME SORT OF FUNGUS OR MUSHROOM THAT GROWS IN THE CAVE

THEY GATHERED FUNGUS THAT GROWS IN THE CAVE. NOW WHAT?

THE FUNGUS IS POUNDED INTO A FINE POWDER~

FILLING THEIR BASKETS WITH THE POWDER~THEY LEAVE THE VILLAGE~


SCATTERING THE POWDER IN THE WOODS~CAN THIS BE THE 'MAGIC' THAT MAKES ALL MEN AND ANIMALS SLEEP?
WILSON McCOY 9-7

THE HOODED TESSAI SCATTER THE POWDER IN THE WOODS

WE'LL COME BACK HERE TOMORROW AND SEE WHAT WE'VE GOTTEN.

LATER, A DEER MOVES THRU THE WOODS~
WILSON McCOY 9-9

AH~A FAT DEER!
WE EAT WELL TOMORROW!

SO THAT'S IT! THEY USE THE SLEEP POWDER INSTEAD OF TRAPS~BUT FOR MEN AS WELL AS ANIMALS.
WILSON McCOY 9-10

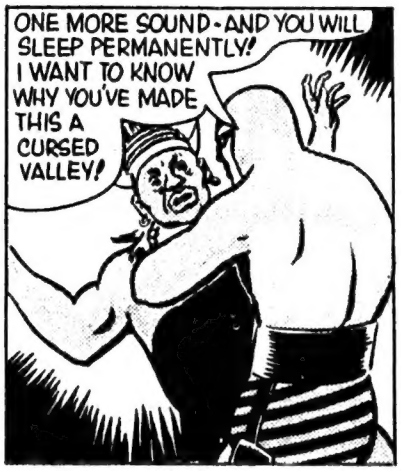
FALLING ASLEEP~AND WILL STAY ASLEEP UNTIL THEY COME TO PICK IT UP!
THAT POWDER IS THE 'SLEEP MAGIC'!

KEEP A GUARD ON ALL NIGHT-IN CASE THE PHANTOM RETURNS.
IT WILL BE DONE, CHIEF.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, CHIEF OF TESSAI WE'VE MUCH TO DISCUSS.

WILSON McCOY 9-11
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, CHIEF OF TESSAI!
NO

HELP. UH..


ONE MORE SOUND-AND YOU WILL SLEEP PERMANENTLY! I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'VE MADE THIS A CURSED VALLEY!

~TELL ME ABOUT THIS 'SLEEP MAGIC' HOW YOU DISCOVERED IT~YOU GET IT FROM THE CAVE~
YES.
HE KNOWS ALL

WAS THAT A CRY FROM THE CHIEF'S HUT?
SOUNDED LIKE IT. WE'D BETTER LOOK IN.

CHIEF, WE HEARD A CRY FROM THIS HUT. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NO ANSWER~

CHIEF~~?
WELL?

IS. ER. EVERY-THING~~ ALL RIGHT?
OF COURSE (GULP) EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT. GO AWAY!
WILSON McCOY 9-12

"FOR AGES, WE TESSAI KNEW ABOUT THE STRANGE CAVE. IT WAS TABOO. NONE WHO ENTERED CAME OUT"

"WHEN I WAS A BOY WE PLAYED A GAME WITH MASKS - I DASHED INTO THE CAVE"
NOT IN THERE!
WILSON McCOY 9-13

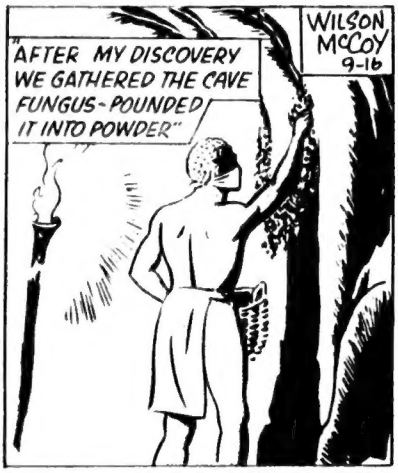
"I SUDDENLY REALIZED WHERE I WAS - THEN I SAW A LEOPARD SLEEPING"

"I WAS IN THE AWFUL CAVE - THE LEOPARD SLEPT ON - BUT NOTHING HAPPENED TO ME"

"I SAW A MOTH FLY INTO THE CAVE - ALIGHT ON THE FUNGUS THAT GREW THERE - AND FALL ASLEEP"

"I SUDDENLY KNEW THE SECRET! I WAS A HERO!"
WILSON McCOY 9-14

THAT'S WHY, WHEN I GREW UP, THEY MADE ME CHIEF.
CONGRATULATIONS. GO ON. I WISH TO HEAR WHEN YOU BEGAN TRAPPING MEN!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"AFTER MY DISCOVERY WE GATHERED THE CAVE FUNGUS - POUNDED IT INTO POWDER"

"- AND SCATTERED IT IN THE WOODS. WE FOUND IT MADE ALL LIVING THINGS SLEEP"

"- SLEEP UNTIL THEY DIED, UNLESS REMOVED FROM THE POWDER - OUR MASKS PROTECTED US."

NOW TELL ME WHEN YOU BEGAN USING IT TO TRAP TRAVELERS, ROBBING AND KILLING THEM WHILE THEY SLEPT!

WE NEVER KILLED SLEEPING STRANGERS ROBBED THEM - YES.
THEN LET THEM SLEEP UNTIL THEY DIED OR AN ANIMAL FINISHED THEM!

SUMMON YOUR WARRIORS GIVE THEM THESE ORDERS, OR YOU SHALL DIE AT ONCE!

HEAR THIS ORDER! ALL WARRIORS WILL BRING ALL WEAPONS IN THE VILLAGE HERE AT ONCE!
WILSON McCOY 9-17

ALL SPEARS - ALL BOWS AND ARROWS - PILE THEM UP HERE - AND HURRY!

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? WEAPON INSPECTION?
CHIEF'S COMMAND.

NOW PUT THE TORCH TO THEM! DO IT!
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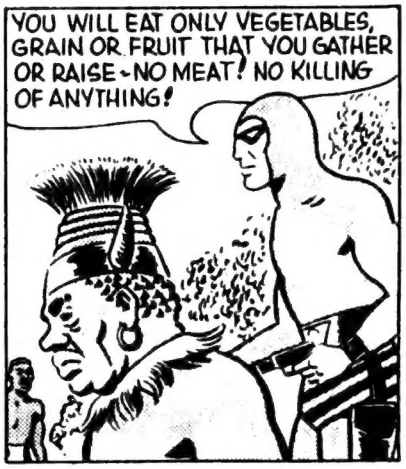
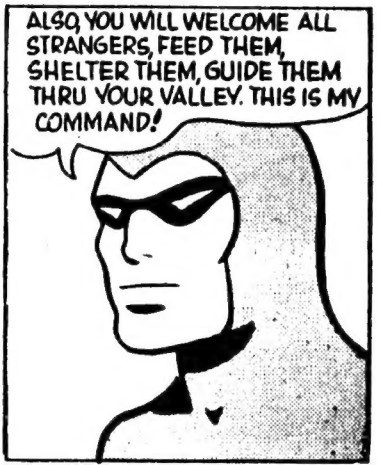
WILSON McCOY 9-18

NOW, WARRIORS OF TESSAI, WE WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE!
PHAN-TOM!
PHAN-TOM

MEN OF TESSAI -- FOR YEARS YOU'VE MADE THIS VALLEY A CURSED PLACE WITH YOUR SLEEPING POWDER -
YOU'VE KILLED AND ROBBED SLEEPING TRAVELERS. YOU ARE SEEING THE LAST OF YOUR WEAPONS. YOU WILL NEVER HAVE ANY MORE.
HOW CAN WE LIVE?
WILSON McCOY 9-19


YOU WILL EAT ONLY VEGETABLES, GRAIN OR FRUIT THAT YOU GATHER OR RAISE - NO MEAT! NO KILLING OF ANYTHING!


ALSO, YOU WILL WELCOME ALL STRANGERS, FEED THEM, SHELTER THEM, GUIDE THEM THRU YOUR VALLEY. THIS IS MY COMMAND!

YOU CAN CROSS THE VALLEY NOW. THE WINDS HAVE BLOWN AWAY THE SLEEPING POWDER. IT IS SAFE.
WILSON McCOY 9-10

THE TESSAI ARE NOW PEACEFUL? HOW DID YOU DO ALL THIS IN ONE NIGHT?
IT'S DONE. I'LL SHOW YOUR BROTHER THE CAVE.

SLEEPING POWDER FROM THIS FUNGUS! WELL! I'LL TAKE SOME BACK-EXPERIMENT-IT MAY HAVE MEDICAL USES-
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS! AN AMAZING MAN.
YES-- I WONDER IF HE'S MARRIED-
GOOD BYE-
THE TESSAI VALLEY-- FORMERLY CURSED, LIFELESS-A PLACE OF DEATH AND NO RETURN-
WILSON McCOY 9-21
NOW FILLED WITH LIFE--FOR THE TESSAI, ALONE AMONG THE JUNGLE FOLK, EAT NO MEAT, NOR KILL ANYTHING, HAVING NO WEAPONS.
NOWHERE ARE STRANGERS MORE WELCOME-OR TREATED BETTER THAN BY THE HAPPY TESSAI-
~SAID NOW TO BE THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE IN THE JUNGLE.
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE